

# Beaufort High School Home of the Eagles

## Senior Scholarship Newsletter



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The scholarship bulletin is a monthly publication of BHS Guidance. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide students and parents with valuable scholarship information. Please pay close attention to the deadline for each scholarship you are interested in.

### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW**

1. All applications must be completed and ready to be mailed when submitted to the Guidance office. It is your responsibility to complete the college application and pay the application fee.
2. Counselor recommendations require 2 weeks notice prior to deadline to be processed due to the volume of recommendation requests that counselors receive.
3. Complete a Transcript Request Form, available in the Guidance Office. This form must be signed by a parent, if you are under 18 years of age, and must include all of the information specified on the form.
4. Please allow 2 weeks to process transcripts. This means that your release form should be submitted to us at least 2 weeks in advance of your first deadline.
5. Online college admission applications usually contain a counselor page. When applying online, please print and submit this page to your guidance counselor along with a transcript release form. When you request a transcript release form tell Guidance if you have applied online!

## What to Do About Senioritis

### Make Your Senior Year Count

Seniors have worked hard for three years, taking tests, completing projects, and preparing for college admission. When senior year rolls around, some students just want to get through college applications and relax before they head off to the college of their choice.

Also known as senioritis, taking it easy senior year may seem like a nice break, but is likely to do more harm than good. According to recent reports, incomplete high school preparation can contribute to academic problems in college.

§ As many as half of all college students do not have adequate academic preparation, and are required to take remedial courses.

§ More than one quarter of the freshmen at four-year colleges and nearly half of those at two-year colleges do not even make it to their sophomore year.

Not only does senioritis jeopardize your chances for success later on in college, it can also affect your grades—and college admission officers pay close attention to your performance senior year.

#### Senior-Year Grades and College Admission

Many students mistakenly believe that prepping for college ends after the eleventh grade. However, the senior year—the entire senior year—is actually of particular interest to colleges.

#### Applying

Many college applications (including the Common Application) require you to list your senior courses, including information about course levels and credit hours. It will be very obvious to the admission officers if you've decided to take the year off.

Many colleges also include as part of the application a form called the mid-year grade report. Your counselor completes this form with first-half grades and sends it to the colleges to which you've applied. It then becomes a crucial part of the application folder.

#### If You Are Accepted

Many college acceptance letters include warnings to students such as "Your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance." This means colleges reserve the right to deny you admission should your senior year grades drop.

Mary Lee Hoganson, college counselor for Homewood-Flossmor Community High School, Flossmor, Illinois writes: "It is not at all rare for a college to withdraw an offer of admission when grades drop significantly over the course of the senior year. (I have a folder full of copies of these letters.)"

Sources: National Commission on the High School Senior Year, *The Lost Opportunity of Senior Year: Finding a Better Way - Summary of Findings*, 2001.



### Calendar of Events

November 17, 2009 (Tuesday) "Financial Aid Workshop" (for students and parents) Beaufort High School Media Center @ 6:30 p.m.



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### Upcoming Test Dates

#### **SAT**

([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

BHS Code: 410-120

#### Test Date

December 4, 2009

#### **Tests available**

**SAT & Subject Tests**

**Regular Registration**

#### **Deadline:**

October 31, 2009

**Late Registration Deadline:**

(additional fee applied)

November 13, 2009

#### **ACT**

([www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

BHS Code: 410-120

#### Test Date

December 12, 2009

**Regular Registration**

#### **Deadline:**

November 6, 2009

**Late Registration :**

(additional fee applied)

November 7 – 20, 2009

### How to Make the Most of Your Senior Year

Senior year is your opportunity to strengthen your skills and broaden your experiences, in school and out, to prepare for all of the challenges ahead. A successful senior year can help launch you on the path to a successful future.

#### *Maintain a Challenging Course Load*

You should take the most rigorous courses available, and be sure to continue taking college-track subjects. Consider AP® courses, which can also earn you credit at many colleges.

#### *Stay Active and Involved*

Your continued involvement in activities, sports, and volunteer work will help you stay active and focused throughout your final year. A great internship or career-focused job opportunity can help motivate you to start considering your career options. Meaningful and significant experiences will help prepare you to make informed decisions about your education and career goals.

### A Job and a Scholarship

If you're a student who works part time to save money for college, don't pass up an opportunity for extra cash that might be right under your nose. The place you work could be a source of assistance. Companies both large and small offer scholarship opportunities to their employees.

#### **How do I find these scholarships?**

Ask your supervisor if there are any awards you might be eligible for. Also, check your company's newsletter or the break room bulletin board where other announcements are posted. If you work for a large corporation, you should be able to obtain employee scholarship information from the company Web site (check the "Community Involvement" or "Education" section) or by contacting the corporate office.

#### **Some large corporations that run employee scholarship programs are:**

**McDonald's USA National Employee Scholarship Program:** To qualify, you must have been employed at McDonald's for at least four continuous months for a minimum of 15 hours per week. Each state selects one student-employee from that state to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

**Wal-Mart Associate Scholarship Program:** A \$2,000 scholarship that is paid over one year. It is offered to Wal-Mart employees who are graduating high school seniors.

**Chick-Fil-A Leadership Scholarship Program:** Student-employees compete for \$1,000 scholarships for college. Employees have to commit to completing high school and move on to an accredited college to qualify. In addition to the application, a letter of recommendation from his or her operating store must also be submitted. While some programs are merit-based and others are need-based, one requirement for receiving an employee scholarship is that (surprise!) you must be employed by that company. Check with your employer to determine whether there is a minimum employment requirement that must be met before applying.

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### Scholarship Websites

**[www.allscholar.com](http://www.allscholar.com)** is a free scholarship search resource for students, parents, and educators. AllScholar's free scholarship search tool offers simple, concise, and easy scholarship searches.

**[www.fastweb.monster.com](http://www.fastweb.monster.com)** - has a data base of 600,000 scholarships.

**<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/index.html>** - offers a data base with 2,3000 sources of funding.

**[www.nextStudent.com](http://www.nextStudent.com)**: offers students a free scholarship search, student loans, and loan counseling

**[www.Collegeview.com](http://www.Collegeview.com)**: is still another of the major online free scholarship searches.

**[www.SRN Express.com](http://www.SRN Express.com)**: has a data base of over 8,000 programs and 150,000 awards.

**[www.Collegenet.com/Mach 25](http://www.Collegenet.com/Mach 25)**: allows you to search 600,000 awards.

**[www.FreSchinfo.com](http://www.FreSchinfo.com)**: uses a data base listing approximately 169,000 awards.

**[www.CollegeAnswer.com](http://www.CollegeAnswer.com)**: offers free scholarship searches

**[www.apps.Absolutely Scholarships.com](http://www.apps.Absolutely Scholarships.com)**: boasts a data base of more than 200,000 awards.

**[www.scholarships.BrokeScholar.com](http://www.scholarships.BrokeScholar.com)**: will match your profile against 900,000 scholarships

**[www.FastAid.com](http://www.FastAid.com)**: says they're the oldest and largest free scholarship search.

**[www.Scholarships.Com](http://www.Scholarships.Com)**: is another free scholarship search service.

**[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)** (***Princeton Review Scholarship Search***): is offered by the test prep and college guide organization of the same name.

**[www.Scholarships101.com](http://www.Scholarships101.com)**: has a data base containing more than 600,000 awards.

**[www.EduPrep.com/scholarship](http://www.EduPrep.com/scholarship)**: maintains a data base of more than 2.5 million awards.

**[www.The Scholarship- Page.com](http://www.The Scholarship- Page.com)**: is another free scholarship search.

**[www.scholarships.fatomei.com](http://www.scholarships.fatomei.com)** *Nationally Coveted Scholarships and Fellowships*: gives you access to undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral awards.

**<http://edu.programadvisor.com>**: ProgramAdvisor offers the key information you'll need to help make this important decision in your life easier



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#	SCHOLARSHIP NAME	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	DEADLINE
12	USC Scholarships based on major	For Information on scholarships by department, go to <a href="http://www.sc.edu/financialaid/departments.html">www.sc.edu/financialaid/departments.html</a>	Varies	Varies	Varies
13	USC Carolina Scholars	Top students applying to USC and the Honors College with strong academics and leadership in school and community. No extra application needed.	SC resident, Avg. SAT of 1300 or ACT 29	\$7000 to \$10000 per year	Postmarked 11/15/09
14	USC Alumni Scholars	Top Students applying to USC and the Honors College with strong academics and leadership, talent and service. No extra application needed.	SC resident, GPA above 3.8, SAT 1300 and up, ACT 29 and up	\$5000/yr	Postmarked 11/15/09
15	2010 Journalism Contest	Write an article addressing the theme: "Expectation + opportunity = full participation". Must include research on disability issues. Complete rules and info at <a href="http://www.journalism.scvrd.net">www.journalism.scvrd.net</a>	SC resident, 16-19 years old, high school Jr or Sr	4 year tuition to a SC state supported college	Postmarked by 1/19/10
16	Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Scholarship	Submit essay on assigned topic with application form. Information and application can be found at <a href="http://www.ohtheplaces.org">www.ohtheplaces.org</a> , and in Guidance	High school Senior graduating Spring 2010	\$5000	Postmarked By 2/15/10
17	SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes	Scholarship for seniors NOT based on GPA or Financial Need. Winner chosen every 2 weeks from Oct. 30 to May 14, 2010. For complete details visit <a href="http://www.offtocollege.info">www.offtocollege.info</a> or <a href="http://www.suntrusteducation.com">www.suntrusteducation.com</a>	High School senior	\$1000	5/14/10
18	Foundation for Individual Rights in Education Essay contest	US High school seniors can submit "Freedom in Academia" essays. Enter online at <a href="http://www.thefire.org/contests">www.thefire.org/contests</a>	US High school senior, 700 – 1200 word essay	Awards: (5) \$1000 (2) \$2500 (1) \$5000	11/06/09
19	Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship	For high school seniors planning a career in government service, requires an essay on career plans and how George Washington's crossing of the Delaware provides inspiration. Find all requirements at <a href="http://www.gwcf.com">www.gwcf.com</a>	High School senior, essay, transcript, recommendation	\$500 to \$5000	1/15/10
20	Ayn Rand- The Fountainhead Essay Contest	Submit a 800 to 1600 word essay on one of 3 topics found at <a href="http://www.aynrandeducation.com">www.aynrandeducation.com</a>	Junior or senior	varies	4/26/2010
21	Harry Hampton Scholarship	High school senior planning to major in Natural Resource discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental science at a SC college. Apply at <a href="http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org">www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org</a>	SC resident, high school senior	\$2500/ yr, for up to 4 years	1/31/10



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22	Wallace F. Pate Scholarship	High school senior planning to major in Natural Resource discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental science at a SC college. Apply at <a href="http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org">www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org</a>	SC resident, high school senior	\$1500 one time award	1/31/10
23	James O. Thomason Scholarship	High School senior declaring a major in electronic, print or photo journalism at a SC college. Application at <a href="http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org">www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org</a>	SC resident, High School senior	\$1000/yr up to 4 years	1/31/10
24	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual "Create A Greeting Card" \$10000 Scholarship Contest	Design original photo, artwork or computer graphics for the front of a greeting card. Application and information at <a href="http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm">http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm</a>	Current high school or college student. 1 entry per person	\$10,000	Postmarked by 1/15/10
25	Next Step Free Tuition Scholarship Giveaway	Register with Next Step for the chance to win \$10,000 towards tuition or the monthly drawing of \$1000. <a href="http://www.nextstepmagazine.com/nextstep/request-free-tuition-scholarship.aspx?clientId=5707">http://www.nextstepmagazine.com/nextstep/request-free-tuition-scholarship.aspx?clientId=5707</a>		\$1000 or grand prize of \$10,000	6/30/10
26	National Commission for Cooperative Education Scholarships	For Seniors who have applied and have been accepted to a Co-op College: Drexel Univ., Johnson & Wales, Kettering Univ., Pace Univ., Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology. Apply at <a href="http://www.co-op.edu">www.co-op.edu</a>	Seniors accepted to Co-op College can apply.	\$6000	2/15/10
27	Virginia Military Institute Scholarships	Students planning to attend VMI. Need strong academic record, variety of extracurricular, and leadership activities. Apply at <a href="http://www.wmi.edu/institutescholars">www.wmi.edu/institutescholars</a>	SAT 1300/ACT 29 or higher, min. 3.7 GPA, rank top 10%	Full and partial scholarships	2/1/10
28	Ithaca Park Scholars	Students interested in Ithaca College who would like to attend the School of Communications. Information at <a href="http://www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars">www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars</a>	Communications major at Ithaca, submit essay, resume, recommendations and transcript	Cost of attendance, renewable each year	1/15/10
29	Boston University Trustee Scholarship	For students interested in attending Boston University. Must have a nomination from the principal or guidance counselor	Top 5-10 %, in class, exceptional record of service and extra-curricular activities	Full Tuition	12/1/09

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### **Information for Military Families:**

The link below is to the Veterans Administration GI Bill website. For students whose parents have served in the military (Active, Reservist, or National Guard) since 9/11/01, they may be eligible for Education benefits. If the parent is still active or still in a reserve status, they may be able to transfer their benefits to an immediate family member.

[http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/Post-911.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Post-911.htm)

This link provides specific information on the transfer of benefits.

[http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/Post-911\\_Transferability.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/Post-911_Transferability.pdf)

·AMVETS Scholarships:

[www.amvets.org/programs/programs\\_scholarships.html](http://www.amvets.org/programs/programs_scholarships.html)

·Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation:

[www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org)

·Military.com Scholarship Finder:

[www.military.com/Education/](http://www.military.com/Education/)

Military College Help:

[www.todaymilitary.com/benefits/tuition-support](http://www.todaymilitary.com/benefits/tuition-support)

·Scholarships for Military Children:

[www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)

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